

Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.) Agricultural Marketing Service

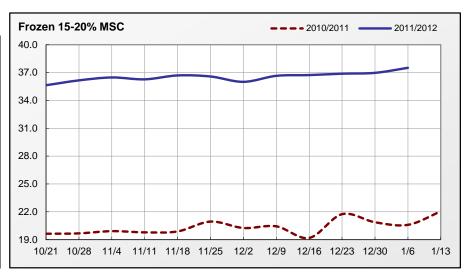
Poultry Market News & Analysis

(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for all MSC fat contents trended steady to firm. Supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were reduced for the New Year's Day holiday. Domestic demand was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with good interest into Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. The spot marketplace remained strong coming off of the holiday; yet many wonder what the next few weeks will bring once things settle into a regular routine, especially since many buyers built up inventories in late 2011. After concluding the first week of new and significantly higher priced contracts, preparations paid off for most with smooth transitions. However many continue to be cautious both in the short and long term, vigilantly watching market developments in these unique and uncertain times. Market activity was moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials were light and sought after. Spot frame trading for this week was between 15-17 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

		F		Forest			
	Frozen			Fresh			
Fat Content	6-Jan-12	Last Week	Last Year	6-Jan-12	Last Week	Last Year	
15% or Less							
Price Range			-	32.00	32.00	18.00-19.00	
Wtd Avg Price			-	32.00	32.00	18.50	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	184	163	245	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15-20%							
Price Range	35.50 - 40.00	34.00 - 40.00	15.00-26.00	27.00 - 34.00	26.00 - 33.00	13.00-20.50	
Wtd Avg Price	37.51	36.97	20.60	30.02	29.71	16.47	
Volume Traded	1,597	1,157	1,730	3,437	4,330	3,723	
Volume Exported	1,517	1,037	1,450	530	938	408	
20% or More							
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00	
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.50	22.50	19.00	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	163	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-	



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Dec 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	31.89	31.74	18.48
Volume Traded	-	-	-	714	469	592
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	36.64	36.48	20.34	28.89	27.39	16.16
Volume Traded	6,422	6,588	7,720	19,182	13,433	17,110
Volume Exported	5,542	5,465	6,300	5,183	2,285	2,938
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.59	22.55	19.29
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	408	571
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

